

FRIENDS OF WHITE OAK AGENDA

March 9, 2021 at 7pm - ONLINE MEETING
Zoom link to join is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068809903
DIAL 301 715 8592 - Meeting ID: 860 6880 9903

1) Welcome

- a. Present were Dave, Kim, Rachael, June, Ken, Rob, Barry, Shana, Barry, Shane, Fatmata, Daniel, and Brian. Bruce was necessarily absent.
- b. Shana requested recording the meeting. Question was posed of recording for any objections. No objection.
- c. Introductions were made.
- 2) Minutes from February 9, 2021 Approved
- 3) Discussion
 - a. Board Discussion and Possible Approval to Submit Written Testimony Regarding the Local Area Transportation Improvement Program (LATIP) for Hillandale
 - i. Speakers: Andrew Bossi of DOT, Shana Davis Cook of Hillandale Community, and Shane Polin of PS Ventures for Hillandale Gateway
 - ii. Andrew gave an overview presentation of the second LATIP study.
 - 1. Dave complemented the use of Smart Streets. He asked if the widening of New Hampshire will take out some of the parking at Hillandale Shopping Center. Yes, but the study is just an exercise. Should the shopping center redevelop, that plan may affect the RT 650 outcome. Shane asked how it would not take the spaces. Andrew said it would take parking. Ken asked about the 80 seconds at the intersection. Andrew – it is peak period and average. Dave asked about the cut thru traffic. Andrew has the details and will share them. The nexus of the cut thru traffic has gone away because the slip ramp is no longer part of the equation. Dave said the value of a parking space is high noting an example in another area of \$300K per space to a landlord. Dave requested the information be shared. Rob questioned about the slip ramp and if the decision is to not install it. Andrew – yes, no installation. Rob noted the hearing examiner in 2018 asked about the slip ramp details and if it is practical. Andrew said it is a cost estimating process and ultimate designs would be taken up later. Guest requested explanation of full buildout in 2040. Andrew – using Planning's 2016 study. Analysis assumes 100% build out. Shane noted future development and possible taking of land.

He asked if Andrew participated in the prior study. Andrew – yes. Safe to say the purpose of the study has been redefined. Shane is concerned about the purpose of the study and what was in the scoping vs what is in the study now. He shares the community's desire to avoid cut-thru traffic. Hillandale Citizens Association deserves to have the full information. Shane also noted 70% of the community supported a slip ramp. Whether one agrees with ramp or not, the LATIP has a \$5M price tag. This is a budget reduction exercise, and the community will be cut short of what was estimated in funds spend to alleviate the issue. The result is a budget cut in half to \$2.5M and this shortchanges the Hillandale. Better off leaving things as they are at \$5M. Shana commented it is important speakers note their interests and affiliations when commenting. Hillandale is the most directly impacted by any change. The Hilton Hotel and the proposed Hillandale Gateway are well received and considered positive for the community. What is before us this evening is the LATIP study and that is what the Board is to consider. She spoke of the overwhelming opposition of the Hillandale community to the slip ramp. Shana's concern is over alterations that would have to be made to the community's access to accommodate a slip ramp. Could the improvements be put on hold for the study to consider future development and the impact of the FDA expansion. Andrew reevaluation of the LATIP by the County Council in 2023 (every two years the Council revisits the LATIP) will take these things into account. Shana – who pays the \$2.9M fee. Andrew – the LATIP pot of funds pay. There is a shopping list of various improvements to use the funds for. The \$2.9M would replace the original \$5M. Shane said he had a map and plans that show the slip ramp details and cut-thrus which he shared. Rachael asked about where the cutthrus and the slip ramp are. Dave explained the cut-thrus. Shana noted again the topic is not the slip ramp, but what is being proposed according to the study.

b. 2021 Reimaging Public Safety

i. Rachael and Barry. Dave suggested a special meeting. Jewru commented on the Budget process and timing. The School Resource Officer program is being reviewed by the task force. Jewru agreed with Barry. Barry noted his concern for mental health and needing more funding, but not at the expense of cutting police staff. Pete reminded the Board they do not have to take public comments. He can get someone from County staff to speak on the topic. Shana commented that we only need to focus on what affects White Oak. Brian asked Jewru about the timing of the budget process and waiting. Jewru – yes. Brian – does task force recommend reducing in all districts. No, just 3 and 4. Shana suggested again FOWO have a special separate meeting to discuss. Jewru explained the Budget timing and process. Dave requested the subcommittee members Rachael and Barry, as well as Jewru and Pete, distill the very lengthy report so a special meeting may be time spent well.

4) Updates from Pete

a. For the sake of time, updates were delayed.

5) Updates from Lt. Cole

a. Lt. Cole had a last-minute work matter and was not able to attend. He sent an email to Pete a few updates which Pete read.

- 6) Updates from the Board Updates delayed
 - a. Board Member Assignments Progress Reports
 - b. Farmers' Market
 - c. Incorporation Process
 - d. Funding
 - i. Fundraising Proposal
 - ii. Budget
 - e. Other Comments
- 7) From the Public Opportunity to Bring up a Topic Not on the Agenda No comments
- 8) Adjourn (9:15pm)